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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. This is a Central Institute and our Government will not have a say in the matter of admission. It is a Regional Institute and each region will have its own quota.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Can the Hon. Minister give the information as to the total number of students that will be trained on an all-India basis at least in the first year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is not done on an all-India basis. It is done on a regional basis. It is the Southern Regional Institute and it is expected that they would start with 100 students next year.

*Preparation of indigenous medicines*

* 29 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the sources from which the ingredients used in the preparation of indigenous medicines at the College of Integrated Medicine, Madras, are obtained?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The ingredients are obtained from the contractors by inviting tenders. Some of the green herbs, leaves, etc., that are grown in the Medicinal Farm at Arumbakkam, are supplied by the Farm.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : இதுபற்றி மற்றப் பகுதிகளில் தேவையாக இருந்தால், அவற்றை எப்படி அரசியலார் வாங்குகிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : நான் முன்பே சொன்னேன். கண்டிராக்டர்களிடமிருந்து டெண்டர் வரவழைத்து வாங்கப்படுகிறது. இதற்கு முன் ஒரு கேள்வி கேட்டார். பிரிண்டெட் லிஸ்டில் சுமார் 44 பேர் ரெகக்னைஸ்டு கண்டிராக்டர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

*Pre-Professional Courses*

* 30 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to award merit scholarships to students on the basis of a competitive test or otherwise in the pre-professional courses; and

(*b*) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, whether such a scheme was in force in professional colleges prior to the starting of these pre-professional courses?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question relates to pre-professional courses. We do not have any such thing even in respect of professional courses and there was no competitive test. As a matter of fact, the performance of each year was taken into consideration and the scholarship was given.